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SILENT PRAYER— (As each person enters and communes with God until the service begins.)

HYMN OF INTERCESSION

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our fev'rish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper rev'rence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

Tune, Elton

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above!
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee,
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and
stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our de-
sire

Thy coolness and thy balm,
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind,
and fire,

O still small voice of calm!

BIBLE LESSON AND COMMENTARY

The Promises of God and the Testimonies of Men

(It is suggested that the audience be divided into two sections, each having a leader; one group reading the promises of God, the other group responding with the testimonies of men concerning God's answer to prayer.)

All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.—MATT. 21:22.

"I never prayed sincerely for anything but it came, at some time—no matter at how distant a day—somehow, in some shape—it came."—Adoniram Judson.

If any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not.—JAMES 1:5.

"On all my expeditions prayer made me stronger, morally and mentally, than any of my non-praying companions. It lifted me hopefully over the one thousand five hundred miles of forest tracks."—Henry M. Stanley.

Pray without ceasing.—I. THESS. 5:17.

"I resolve to devote an hour morning and evening to private prayer, no pretense, no excuse whatsoever."—John Wesley.

Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do.—JOHN 14:13.

"He will keep his word—the gracious One, full of grace and truth;—no doubt of it. He said: 'Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out', and 'Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, I will give it.' He will keep his word; then I can come and humbly present my petition, and it will be all right. Doubt is here inadmissible, surely."—David Livingstone.

If my people, who are called by my name, shall ... pray ... then will I hear from heaven.—II CHRON. 7:14.

For the cities, the towns, and the country.
For the Negroes, the Indians, the Alaskans.

Let us pray

For South and Central America, Africa, the Near and Far East.

For Europe and the Islands of the Sea.

For the Jews in our land and all lands.

For all who spread the Glad Tidings.

Let us pray

For all church and missionary federations, schools of missions, conferences and city institutes.

For the committees which outline study courses and prepare literature.

For the missionary societies and all organizations which plan policies and carry on the work.

For closer cooperation between the churches in the God-given task of preaching the Gospel to the nations.

OFFERING—(See last page for addresses.)

The interdenominational objects for this offering are:

Work among Farm and Cannery Migrants.

Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields.

Women's Union Christian Colleges of the Orient.

PRAYER

Leader—O Lord, since first the blood of Abel cried to Thee from the ground that drank it, this earth of Thine has been defiled with the blood of man shed by his brother's hand, and the centuries sob with the ceaseless horror of war. Ever the pride of kings and the covetousness of the strong have driven peaceful nations to slaughter. Ever the songs of the past and the pomp of armies have been used to inflame the passions of the people. Our spirit cries out to Thee in revolt against it, and we know that our righteous anger is answered by Thy holy wrath.

All (in unison)—Strengthen our sense of justice and our regard for the equal worth of other peoples and races. Grant to the rulers of nations faith in the possibility of peace through justice, and grant to the common people a new and stern enthusiasm for the cause of peace. Teach our age nobler methods of matching our strength and more effective ways of giving our life for the flag.

O Thou strong Father of all nations, draw all Thy great family together with an increasing sense of our common blood and destiny, that peace may come on earth at last, and Thy sun may shed its light, rejoicing, on a holy brotherhood of peoples.—*Walter Rauschenbusch.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

"Prayer is like opening a sluice between the great ocean and our little channels, when the sea gathers itself together and flows in at full tide."—Tennyson.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.—LUKE 11:9.

"I am so busy now that if I did not spend two or three hours each day in prayer, I could not get through the day."—Martin Luther.

Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.—ISAIAH 65:24.

"Expect great things from God."—William Carey.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING—(The leader reading the sentences of thanksgiving, and all present joining in the responses.)

For Thy loving kindness which has been over us during all the days of the year since we met together,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For peace and prosperity in our land; for abundant harvests; for freedom to worship God,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the progress of the Gospel in America and throughout the earth; for the new spirit of brotherhood that is coming into the hearts of more and more of God's people, with the realization that the same Father has made of one blood all nations to dwell on the face of the earth,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the fellowship of all Christians through faith in one Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; for the privilege of this day of prayer together,

**We thank Thee, O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

BIBLE READING—A God Given Measure. MATTHEW 15:21-28.

(To be recited from memory by one girl or in concert by a group of girls.)

LEADER—For a few moments of silence let every one present meditate on these facts:

1.—The Lord Christ who gave into a woman's hand the ilimitable measure—"Be it unto thee, even as thou wilt"—"according to thy faith"—has never recalled the measure or changed it.

2.—The littleness of the measure of our faith limits the blessing God can bestow on the world through us.

3.—"Through prayer and pains everything is possible."—John Eliot.

RESOLUTION—(To be made by each person silently.)

"I have resolved to pray more and to pray always; to pray in all places, where quietness inviteth,—in the house, on the highway, and on the street;—and to know no street or passage in this city that may not witness that I have not forgotten God."

—Sir Thomas Browne.

SOLO—In the Secret of His Presence, by Ellen Lakshmi Goreh, of India (No. 34 in Missionary Hymnal) or Open My Eyes, That I May See (No. 33 in Missionary Hymnal).

SILENT PRAYER—(The leader reading a topic and allowing time for silent prayer before reading the next topic.)

Let us Pray

That our Lord's Prayer may be fulfilled and that His kingdom may come and His will be done on earth as His truth, His insight and His love flow increasingly through Christians, leading them to greater open-mindedness and deeper yearning for beauty and righteousness in human relations.

That world cooperation, world disarmament and world peace may be attained, and that America may take her full share of responsibility in all efforts toward such achievement.

That the Christian basis of justice, good will and cooperation may be adopted by all people in matters of race relations.

That Christian people throughout the land may diligently seek to bring about allegiance to the laws of our country, and may rally to the support of the agencies charged with the upholding of law, and that the homes and schools of America may become stronger Christian influences for the training of the boys and girls of our land.

HYMN OF BROTHERHOOD

Tune, Dort.

How shall Thy kingdom come?
Not by the beat of drum
Where armies dwell;
Not chimes by angels rung
Nor songs by seraphs sung;
But words in human tongue
Thy love must tell.

When both the strong and weak
Among Thy peoples seek
The common good,
Then friends shall clasp the hands
Of friends in other lands,
And bind in love the bands
Of brotherhood.

Then shall the nations dwell
In love that shall compel
A common trust.
Then shall Thy purpose clear
Shine through each fleeting year,
And foolish sword and spear
Fall into dust.

Behold the Child whose birth
Gives promise to the earth
That strife shall cease!
What though our fears assail?
Love shall o'er hate prevail
And all the nations hail
The Prince of Peace!

—Laura Scherer Copenhaver

PRAYER—(Four women may be appointed in advance to lead the intercession as indicated below, each taking a minute to make important statements about the work.)

Let us pray

For the union colleges of the Orient.

For all students in America and in the world.

For foreign students in America.

For the production and publication of Christian literature for women and children in mission fields.

Let us pray

For the migrant groups that carry on our industries.

For the Spanish-speaking and all other foreign-speaking folk in our midst.

SUGGESTIONS

It is hoped that a Service of Worship and Intercession may be held by every Women's Church and Missionary Federation in America and by groups of women of various churches where there is no organized Federation. Whatever hours are best suited to the local group may be chosen: 10:00-12:30, 2:00-4:30, 7:30-9:30.

It is recommended that there be one leader for the entire meeting.

A chorus of young women may lead in the singing of the hymns.

STATEMENT

The Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America and the Council of Women for Home Missions are the two great cooperating agencies uniting the missionary women of America.

The Federation is composed of thirty-one organizations, including denominational Woman's Foreign Mission Boards of the United States and Canada, the interdenominational Woman's Union Missionary Society of America, the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association, the American McAll Association, and the Student Volunteer Movement. There are standing committees on Student Work, Methods of Work, Interdenominational Institutions on the Foreign Field, Summer Schools and Conferences, Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields, and Foreign Students in America; the Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions serves as the Committee on Publications and Literature. The headquarters are at 25 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

The Council is composed of twenty national Women's Home Mission Boards and Societies in the United States and Canada. Nineteen Schools of Missions and Conferences are affiliated with the Council and it annually conducts a Home Missions Institute at Chautauqua, New York. There are three consulting organizations: National Board of the Young Women's Christian Associations, National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and Student Fellowship for Christian Life-Service. The Council and the Missionary Education Movement are, each year, joint publishers of the books for Home Mission study. Close cooperation is maintained with the Home Missions Council, through joint standing committees covering phases of work and groups of people in the United States and Alaska. The headquarters are situated at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Offerings for Union Colleges and Christian Literature should be sent to the Federation; offerings for the Migrant Work should be sent to the Council. Or the whole offering may be sent to either headquarters to be equally divided between the Home and Foreign Mission objects.

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